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For ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF FASTENING THEREOF

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

SIR/MADAM:

Please enter the following amendments into the above-identified application prior to examination thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

25. A method for securing engagement between fastening components of a pre-fastened article upon initial assembly thereof, the fastening components being capable of fastening engagement with each other, the method comprising the steps of:

arranging the fastening components in at least partially opposed relationship with each other;

engaging the fastening components with each other to define an engagement seam; and

urging sliding movement of one fastening component relative to the other fastening component to promote increased engagement between the fastening components at the engagement seam.

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